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Construction of a causeway across the Thambaraparni.

* 263 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present stage of the proposal to connect Melapalayam and Tirunelveli town across the river Thambaraparni by a causeway (thambothi); and

(*b*) when the work will be commenced?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" (*a*) There is no proposal at present to construct a causeway across the river Thambaraparni to connect Tirunelveli and Melapalayam.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM:—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Government will consider the construction of the causeway to avoid inconvenience to the important municipalities, namely, Melapalayam and Tirunelveli, and whether any representations have been received by them for the construction of the causeway? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" The District Board has made some representations. The District Board has been asked to renew its application next year."

SRI S. SOMAYAJULU:—" Sir, since the municipalities of Palamcottah, Melapalayam, and Tirunelveli town and also the Tirunelveli District Board have passed resolutions regarding the urgent necessity for the construction of the causeway, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to make arrangements to take up this causeway for construction immediately? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" Many rivers have to be bridged, and all bridges and causeways will be taken up in a certain order."

Relief measures in the upland areas of Krishna district.

* 264 *Q.*—SRI V. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the ameliorative measures, if any, taken by the Government for the relief of scarcity and distress prevailing in the upland areas of Krishna district owing to the failure of the south-west monsoon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" The rains in October 1952 have helped to a great extent the upland taluks of Krishna district. These rains have been beneficial to the standing crops of cholam and groundnut and has helped the preparation of lands for transplantation of chillies and Virginia tobacco. To provide work to the unemployed labourers the President, District Board, has been requested to take up the formation of two roads in Nandigama taluk, two roads in Tiruvur taluk and one in Nuzvid taluk for which estimates have been sanctioned already. The conditions are being closely watched and any further measures of relief will be undertaken if found necessary."